

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A chair ~~with~~ having a folding seat that folds down rotates about a fixed horizontal pivot axis between a substantially vertical rest position and a substantially horizontal use position, the chair being ~~and which is~~ intended, in particular, to equip halls that receive the public, such as lecture theatres and/or show halls, the chair comprising at least an underframe having an essentially longitudinal axis and to which a backrest may be fixed, the underframe comprising at least a first stationary element for taking up vertical forces, the fixed horizontal pivot axis being fixed relative to the first stationary element and to the seat, said seat comprising a first part projecting forwards with respect to said fixed horizontal pivot axis, and a second part projecting towards said underframe, wherein said underframe contains a gas strut having a first end pivotably fixed to said second part of said seat and a second end pivotably fixed relative to the underframe, and the gas strut biases the folding seat toward the substantially vertical rest position.

2. (previously presented) The chair according to claim 1, wherein said horizontal pivot axis and said longitudinal axis of said underframe are spaced apart by a distance between about 2 and 15 cm.

3 - 4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) The chair according to claim 1, wherein a rail collaborates with said seat to position said horizontal pivot axis with respect to said seat according to an angle  $\beta$  by which said seat is deployed.

6 - 7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) The chair according to claim 1, wherein an opening is made in said underframe, facing said second part of said seat, so as to partially accommodate said second part.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The chair according to claim 1, wherein said longitudinal axis makes a determined angle  $\beta$  with a vertical plane, said underframe being assembled telescopically, a first element of said underframe carrying said seat and said strut, and taking up vertical forces, while a second element of said underframe takes up those forces which are orthogonal to said vertical plane which are encountered when the chair is in use.

11. (original) The chair according to claim 10, wherein said second element is capable of carrying a work surface for a user seated behind said chair.